

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner has rejected all of the pending claims. Claims 1-8, 16, and 18-24 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 9-15, 17, and 25-31 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of additional references MIZIKOVSKY alone and in further view of SHARMA et al. Claims 32-38 are rejected solely as being anticipated by MIZIKOVSKY. Applicants traverse the rejections and respectfully request an indication of the allowability of all pending claims.

It is believed that all grounds of rejection are moot in view of the newly submitted claims. Accordingly, no terminal disclaimer is being submitted.

Furthermore, it is believed that MIZIKOVSKY does not show a system having a plurality of parallel networks between two devices. MIZIKOVSKY shows a system that answers incoming telephone calls and activates accessory devices under appropriate circumstances. Thus, the system may transmit a first message across one communications pathway to a facsimile device and transmit another message across a different communications pathway to a data processing terminal or a cartographic display. In other words, the MIZIKOVSKY system transmits over a first network between a first device and a second device, over a second network between a first device and a third device, over a third network between a first device and a fourth device, etc. That is, there are no parallel networks between any two devices. Consequently, it is submitted that all of the new claims are patentable over MIZIKOVSKY and an indication of allowability is requested.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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